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July 28, 2011

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: **Final Rulemaking Order (Regulation ID No. 126-1 IRRC No. 2885
Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulations**

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte,

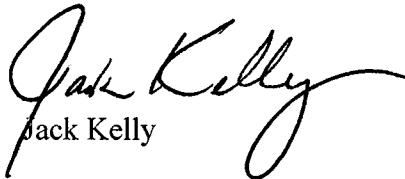
I respectfully request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission approve the above referenced Final Rulemaking Order at its meeting on August 25, 2011.

During my two terms as an at-large member of Philadelphia City Council, I have worked closely with the Philadelphia Parking Authority on numerous transportation issues facing the City of Philadelphia. I appreciate the work ethic of the Authority's staff and their commitment to reasonably implementing the various initiatives that have been assigned to the Authority, by both the Commonwealth and the City. I believe the Authority's regulation of taxicabs and limousines has been a tremendous success for Philadelphia.

As a member of the City Council Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities, I fully appreciate the need for clear, consistent regulations that take the interests of varied parties into consideration. I believe the changes that the Authority has made to its proposed regulations through this final-form process are evidence of its willingness to strike that balance. It also reflects the Authority's high level of responsiveness to the public comments submitted in regard to the proposed regulations.

I highly recommend that these regulations be approved.

Sincerely,


Jack Kelly